

# Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare

## update summary

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

### Attention Providers

Providers are encouraged to check the Medicaid Web site weekly at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/). Some late-breaking *Updates* may not have been included in this *Update Summary*.

### Wisconsin Medicaid Reimbursement of Influenza Vaccine for the 2004-2005 Season

**To:** Federally Qualified Health Centers, HealthCheck Providers, Home Health Agencies, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Homes, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Injectable influenza vaccine will be made available free of charge to all Wisconsin Medicaid providers participating in the Vaccines for Children Program for the 2004-2005 influenza season. Therefore, Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse providers for the administration fee only for recipients up to and including age 18 who meet the criteria listed in this *Update*. For recipients 19 years of age and older, Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse providers for both the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee.

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**E-mail address:**

[2004-71@wimedicaid.org](mailto:2004-71@wimedicaid.org)  
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### Prescriber Information on the Wisconsin Medicaid Preferred Drug List

**To:** Dentists, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Nursing Homes, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2004, the Division of Health Care Financing is implementing a Preferred Drug List (PDL) and Supplemental Rebate Program for Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare fee-for-service and SeniorCare. Drug classes will be added to the PDL in 2004 and 2005.

This *Update* outlines prescribers' responsibilities for drugs on the PDL. Dispensing providers are receiving a separate *Update* regarding their responsibilities for drugs on the PDL. This *Update* also includes information on how to access PDL information.

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### Dispensing Provider Information on the Wisconsin Medicaid Preferred Drug List

**To:** Blood Banks, Dispensing Physicians, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

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This *Update* is for dispensing providers. Prescribers are receiving a separate *Update* that includes information about their responsibilities for drugs on the PDL.

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### Policy on Dental Hygienists at HealthCheck Nursing Agencies Revised

**To:** HealthCheck Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* revises Medicaid policy regarding the requirements for application of topical fluoride and/or dental sealants by dental hygienists at a certified HealthCheck nursing agency.

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## Dispensing Providers Reminded of Policy for Drugs Dispensed in a 100-Day Supply

**To:** Federally Qualified Health Centers, Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* reminds dispensing providers of the maintenance drugs that may be prescribed and dispensed in a 100-day supply as allowed by HFS 107.10(3)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. Dispensing providers are encouraged to contact prescribers who write a prescription for less than a 100-day supply for these drugs and request the prescription be changed to allow for a 100-day supply when clinically appropriate for the recipient. Pharmaceutical Care (PC) will be allowed once per prescription per recipient for a prescription that is changed to a 100-day supply. This PC code may be reimbursed only once per day and only twice per year per recipient.

This *Update* also notifies providers that current Wisconsin law permits Wisconsin Medicaid-certified retail pharmacies to deliver prescriptions to recipients via the mail at no additional cost to the recipient or to Wisconsin Medicaid.

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## Medicaid Basic Training Offered

**To:** All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Wisconsin Medicaid is conducting Medicaid Basic Training in November for new providers or new staff who need to increase their basic knowledge of the Medicaid program. Attendees will obtain general, all-provider information but will not receive service-specific billing and policy information. More experienced providers and staff should call Provider Services or their professional relations representative with specific questions regarding the Medicaid program and with issues regarding specific claims. Registration is required; however, Wisconsin Medicaid does not charge a fee for attending. Seating is limited so providers should register early.

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## Prescribers Reminded of Policy for Drugs Dispensed in a 100-Day Supply

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## Revised List of Noncovered Durable Medical Equipment and Services

**To:** Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nursing Homes, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacies, Physical Therapists, Rehabilitation Agencies, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This *Update* includes a revised list of frequently requested durable medical equipment and services that are not covered by Wisconsin Medicaid. This *Update* will reduce the submission of unnecessary prior authorization requests and facilitate coordination with other funding sources.

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## What's New on the Medicaid and BadgerCare Web Sites

**To:** All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Web sites include provider and recipient publications, contacts and statistics, and eligibility and benefit information.

Providers may visit the Medicaid Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/). The BadgerCare Web site is located at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/).

The following is a list of recently added information:

- Monthly BadgerCare enrollment statistics.
- Monthly caseload statistics.
- September 2004 *Update* articles.
- 2004 Medicaid Basic Training Registration.
- 2004 PES Training Registration.
- Generic Substitution from Clozaril® to Clozapine.
- Online version of the Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting Tool.
- Letter to interested parties regarding Medicaid Preferred Drug List (PDL) and Supplemental Rebates.

Keep in mind that if you do not have a computer with Internet access, many libraries have access available.

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